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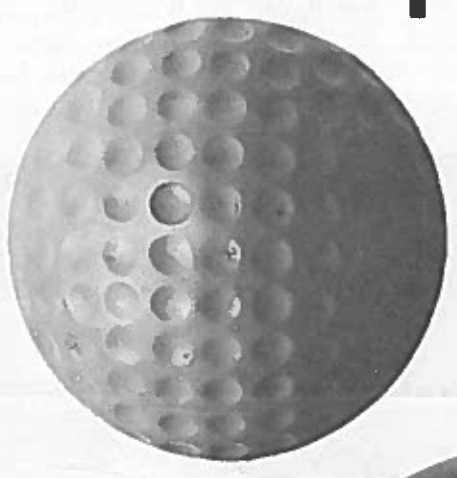
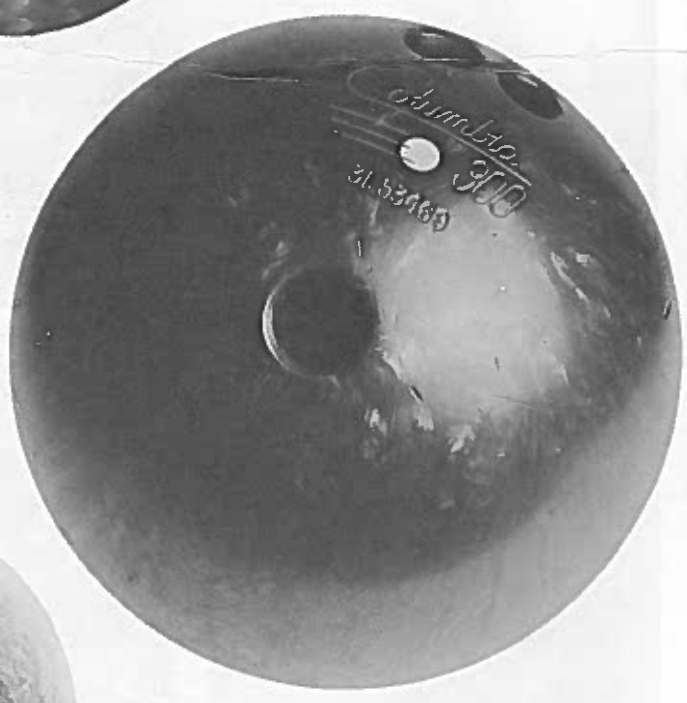
1982 Spring Sports Wrap-Up





Chargers crowned year's top keglers

They were all at Sheridan Lanes in Mineola to prove which team was the best of the best.

After Recreation's Herb Mahoney had tallied the scores in the annual Tournament of Champions on June 6 the Chargers were no longer just the champions of the Outpost league. They were the Grumman champions.

Teams representing 22 of Grumman's 27 Long Island bowling leagues turned out for the tournament. There were 17 first place finishers and five second place teams who stood in for their league's winners.

Though this was the last official night of bowling for these teams, one last chance to have a little fun together, the competition was fierce. Only 57 pins separated the top four finishers; 15 pins were the difference between the Chargers and runner-up Hi-Rollers, the champs of the Masters league. It was that close for the Chargers, who had been in fourth place after the first game, jumped up to first after the second game and held on to win.

Bob Klussman, whose 251 was the top single game of the tournament, pointed out just how much his own team wanted to win the big tournament. The 4 Kings, winners of the Grumman Black league, didn't feel like winners after the first game. "We had a bad start," Bob recalls. "We were in 20th spot after the first round." But they roared back, only to fall 29 pins short of the championship.

Yet the Tournament of Champions was fun, despite the fierce competition. Chuck Lanzisera, one of the Chargers, said his team knew they had one of the top scores and were celebrating after they had gotten word they had probably finished second. That was a fine finish for team captain Manny Nash, whose teams had finished fifth and 10th in two previous tourneys. "Dennis Giovanelli told us," said Lanzisera, "he had seen a 2473 and had us believing we were in second."

You couldn't have found four happier guys who learned the joke was on them.

There are a number of kegling quartets (and a trio, a quintet and a sextet) who had won the championship of their leagues but weren't available for photos. They are:

Spoilers. The foursome of Bob Cozzette, Marilyn Cozzette, Mark Guss, and Midge Guss won the Century Mixed league championship.

Ragtags. Jim Conway, Frank Dellamura, Neil Deluca, Jon Greene, Nathan Kirschbaum and Bill Simpson teamed up to take top spot in the Classic league.

Rookies. Rookies they may have been, but champs they are. The quintet of Bill Bruns, Rolph Larson, Teddy Martines, Steve Weinberg and Joe Wilson were the champions of the Red league.

Jonsmen. No doubt about where the name for the team of Jon Chiusano, Bill Kuhmann, John LaRoca and Bob Toye came from. No doubt, either, that they are the champions of the Classified league.

Dukes. These four guys — Frank Gilmore, Mel Griffith, George Quick and Ken Smith, Jr. — banded together and were crowned kings of the Trader league.

Split 8's. The name tells you these are four good bowlers, good enough to be the number one team in the Calverton Nite Owl league. The champs are: Bob Derabertis, Richie Falk, Bob Moran and John Scott.

Officers. Three into one winning team sure does go, as Tom Collins, Jay Flynn and Steve Springsteen proved by winning the Great River Nite Owl league.

Very close encounter. *It was a finish like this year's Indy 500. The Chargers (above, all photos identified from L) — Phil Kiburis, Vin Mancino, captain Manny Nash and Chuck Lanzisera, (John Welk was absent) — held off the Hi Rollers and won the championship by 15 little pins. The Hi Rollers are: Jim Apgar, Ike Washington, captain Eddie Eng and Vin Crevoiserat, who pinch hit for Don Ragas. The Chargers had moved into first place in the second round and held on tightly until the end.*

Jim Luther

Luther sets mark

The number on the bowling ball doesn't stand for the ball's weight. It just means that Jim Luther of Plant 6 is one strong bowler.

Luther sent the ball flying through the house and league records when he posted a 760 series in the Grumman Peconic league.

Wildwood Lanes hadn't seen a series higher than 728 in the 30-plus years it's been open. Nor has the league, which has been going strong for five years.

Jim racked up the 760 with games of 245, 258 and 257. The 258 was also the top single game in the league this year.

Lorraine Gallo

Bob Klussman

They're super singles

The Tournament of Champions is a team competition, but super individual performances don't go unnoticed. Lorraine Gallo and Bob Klussman took home trophies for bowling the top single games for men (251) and women (191). High series trophies were awarded to Howie Jepson for his 672 and Dottie Van Glahn, who bowled a 632.

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The No Names. *Captain Howie Jepson, Marie Beekman, Peggy Kolody and Floyd Bauer were the winners of the Great River Guys and Dolls league. They tied for eighth in the tournament.*

EZs. *The championship of the Monday Night Mixed League went to Ed Zeiser, Doris Zeiser, who is the team captain, Pat Snow and Jack Snow. They had a 22nd place finish in the tourney.*

Internal Hemorrhages. *Could this have been the condition of the Syosset Mixed league after the team of Roy Piester, captain Marie Cioffi, Antoinette Santamaria and Don Schmidt won the championship? They finished fifth in the tournament of champions.*

Molesters. *Dick Dickerson, Lou Dickerson, Debbie Van De Water and Gary Slater, the team captain, lived up to their name and destroyed the competition in the Pubs Mixed league. They took seventh spot in the Tournament of Champions.*

Foul Outs. *The championship of the Aerospace league went to Kevin Blochl, Richard Petrucci, captain Bob Keiser and Ray Pick. These four guys earned a tie for 15th place in the year-end tourney.*

Bee-Jays. *The team of Jack Lynch, the team captain, Jean Beacorn, Betty Henderson and Bob Ficco, which finished sixth in the Tournament of Champions, was the top team in the Outsiders league.*

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Pinsplitters *The Tuesday Night Woodbury Mixed league crowned the team of Joe Gallo, Lorraine Gallo, Ann Lessmann and captain Hal Lessmann as its 1982 champions. They earned 12th place in the Tournament of Champions.*

#7. The winners of the Great River Green league are (L to R): Gerry Samborsky, team captain Rich Sinniger, John Horoszewski and Tom Hill. They took 17th place in the Tournament of Champions.

Four Aces. *The team of Randy Daub, Rose Canales, Carole Kennedy (who filled in for Marianne Murray) and captain Dave Bennett took 18th place in the Tournament of Champions. The team won the E-2C Hawkeye Mixed league.*

Gems. *Bernadette Forte, Marjorie Dolderer, team captain Penny Baldassare and Elaine Merritt teamed up to finish in a tie for eighth place in the tournament. Ann Scotto, Fran Overcash and Penny are the regular Gems team, the champs of the Just for Fun league.*

Strikers. *The title of Champions of the Gold Mixed league went to the team of Tom Campbell, the team's captain, Sam Loffredo, Ruth Campbell and Marty Susa. They finished 13th in the Tournament of Champions.*

Lil' Rascals. *This is the team that won the gold of the Gold Mixed league, and they finished 13th in the Tournament of Champions. They are: John Schmidt, Kathy Hasselbach, Patricia Giovannelli and Dennis Giovannelli.*

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Islanders. *The foursome of Ralph Rueda, Jr., George Okvist, Joe Caruso and Al McCormick, who captains the team, were the champions of the Peconic league this season. They finished 19th in the Tournament of Champions.*

4 Kings. *The champions of the Black league were an oh-so-close third in the Tournament of Champions. The team of Bob Klussman, Ken Williams, Ted Dija and team captain Joe Russo finished 29 pins behind the winners.*

High Fours. *Tuesday nights in the Grumman Hawkeye Mixed league were owned by the foursome of Bill Southard, Mary Southard, Johanne Wright and team captain Wayne Wright. They took 11th in the tournament.*

Those Amazing Animals. *They may have amazed everyone but themselves in taking the Blue Mixed league championship. The four are: Art Diederich, Mary Shannon, Carol Struzinski and team captain Jim Albertson.*

Big Spenders. *Another championship team that couldn't make the big tournament was the Big Spenders. They are: Ken Becker, Anita Becker, Joan Burgess and captain Gene Burgess.*

Strikers. *These four guys couldn't make the Tournament of Champions but champions they were, nonetheless. Henry Buthmann, Joe Mallins, captain Lou Colavecchio and Pete Guido took top spot in the Grumman Goose league.*

Golfers see rough competition in '82

It may be too early for Jim Minsky to tell how tough the 1982 golf season is going to be, but he is the first to say that it isn't going to be a walkaway for the Grumman Varsity.

The team has gotten off to a fine start. They beat Fairchild-Republic, 8-0, and tied Sperry, 4-4, in the first two matches of the team's season. The Grumman team went undefeated last year, taking the championship for the 19th time in the last two decades.

This year, Minsky sees the team as one having a big future as well as a proud past. "It's potentially Grumman's strongest team ever, at least during the years I've been part of the team." Minsky has been team captain for about five years.

As strong as Minsky sees the Grumman team, he doesn't underestimate the opposition in the five team league. "LILCO will be very strong this year and Sperry is no slouch." The two teams finished second and third behind Grumman last year.

Sperry proved their strength in their first meeting with Grumman this year. "Their number two man was the guy who really beat us," Minsky points out. "We had even par for twelve holes but we just got beat." Sperry's man, he says, carded three birdies.

"We played well, they just played a little better."

Trophy takers. *Some of the folks who took home trophies in the Bethpage table tennis tournament are (from L): Herb Goldberg, Ted Ho, Phyllis Fink, Fred Danner, Julie Grodski, Larry Vitale and John Lee.*

What's their racquet? *The varsity tennis teams took to the courts last month. The "A" team (above) is (from L, kneeling): Larry Bird, Mel Rimer, Tony Bartilucci and Bill Wenzel; (standing) Norm Dvoskin, Gus Spyridon, Dick Kline, Craig Langwost and John Hsu. (Not present for the photo session were Al Kirillin, the team captain, Bob Steel and Joe DiStefano.) The members of the "B" squad are (kneeling): Rick Brown, Mark Fortune, John Castle and George Gould; (standing) Jerry Fogel, Frank Calderone, Stan Teich, Dick Bergman and Phil Goldberg. Team captain Vinny Casale and Rob Kelly were not present.*

Table tennis tourney has record turnout

A record 111 competitors entered this year's Grumman Table Tennis Championships, including 17 women playing mixed doubles and ladies singles.

"The level of competition was pretty strong," said Fred Danner, secretary of the Grumman Table Tennis Club and vice president of the U.S. Table Tennis Olympic Committee. "A lot of the matches were really close, and tough."

After a one-year retirement, John Lee returned and captured the men's "A" singles event over Danner 22-20, 21-10. But the highlight of the "A" competition was the dramatic upset of top seed Clint Watson of Plant 5 by Tony D'Ambrosio of Plant 3. D'Ambrosio swept the match 21-19, 21-15.

D'Ambrosio then faced George Harrington of Plant 35. He was winning by a commanding 14-6 score in the deciding game, but Harrington struggled back and took the match 21-18.

Harrington went on to face Danner and won the first game 21-19. Danner rallied to win the next two. Danner went on to play Lee, the eventual winner.

In the "B" singles event, Ted Ho of Plant 35 came through with a 17-21, 21-18, 21-12 victory over Larry Vitale of Plant 35.

"C" singles featured the largest turnout of competitors and Bill Vanderloski came away with the "C" singles title. Vanderloski of Plant 3 opened up against Herb Goldberg (Navy-Plant 4) with a victory. But Goldberg bounded back from the setback and went on to defeat Jerry Numeroff, Don Moore, Steve Vivirito, Chris Hofman, Kurt Stange, Wain Chin, and Pat Masterson to reach the finals and face Vanderloski once more. Vanderloski again proved too strong as Goldberg lost in a tough four-game final.

Playing in her first Grumman tournament, Julie Grodski of Plant 3 captured the Women's singles championship as she defeated top seeded Phyllis Frank of Plant 242, 19-21, 21-17, 18-21, 21-19, 21-16.

Double plays

A record number of mixed doubles pairs competed in this year's tournament. Rich Isaacs and Jean Stewart of Plant 5 downed Doug Bove of Plant 111 and Phyllis Fink (Plant 242) 21-15, 21-15 to advance to the finals. Penny Baldassare of Plant 5 and Ted Debiak of Plant 26 defeated George Harrington and Kathy Housley of Plant 5; 12-21, 21-5, 21-16.

Because it was a double elimination tournament and Isaacs and Stewart hadn't lost a match, Baldassare and Debiak were in an all or nothing situation. Not only would they have to win the best-of-three first final just to stay alive, they would then have to win the second, a best-of-five final, to be crowned the champions.

The first finals was a close one with Baldassare and Debiak winning in three games 9-21, 21-9, 21-16. In the best 3 of 5 final, Isaacs and Stewart won the title by scores of 21-9, 12-21, 21-9, 21-19.

John Lee and Clint Watson of Plant 5 won the "A" doubles team title again as they defeated Tony D'Ambrosio and Steve Lake of Plant 3 in a close final 21-18, 22-20.

In the "B" doubles, James Coffin and Jerry Dorsey of Plant 4 won a squeaker from Charlie Ballweg and Dan Smith of Plant 5; 21-17, 19-21, and 25-23.

The "C" doubles title went to Ray Manniello of Plant 15 and Bob Wolsky of Plant 25, as they defeated Bill Vanderloski and Chris Hofman 21-11, 21-8, 8-21, 21-16.

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Bowling carnival

The Grumman Recreation Department will be holding a Bowling Carnival, Sunday, August 22, at the Sheridan Bowling Academy on Jericho Turnpike in Mineola. The fee will be $6 per person for three games with an 80 bowler maximum. Prizes will be awarded, and the carnival gets under way at 1 p.m. For further information call the Recreation Department at Ext. 2133.

Train or plane

If you're interested in taking the December trip to Walt Disney World, but you don't want to go by train, Recreation gives you a choice.

For $399, adults can fly from MacArthur Airport, leaving on December 27 and returning on Jan 2. The Amtrak package is $389 for adults, but adds two days of travel: you leave on December 26 and return on January 3.

Prices for children 12-21 are $159 by train, $199 by plane; children 2-11 go by rail for $129 and by air for $179.

Both packages feature six nights accommodations at the Holiday Inn East and an Avis car for seven days.

For more information call Recreation, Ext. 2133. Sign-up is Tuesday, September 14, in Plant 28A at 5:30 p.m.

Trips by bus

Grumman Recreation has three bus trips on tap for later this year. Here's a quick rundown of the travel packages:

Finger Lakes/Niagara Falls — Leave September 20; return September 25. Package includes round-trip transportation; two dinners, five nights accommodations; boat ride on Seneca Lake; admission to Soaring Museum, Corning Glass Museum, Watkins' Glen, Mark Twain's Study, Winery Tour, Niagara Falls sightseeing, Maid of the Mist boat ride, Niagara Botanical Gardens and Floral Clock; taxes and gratuities. Cost is based on occupancy per room: single — $413; double — $298; and triple — $258.

Atlantic City/Penn Dutch/Philadelphia — Leave October 7; return October 10. Bus trip package includes: transportation, three nights at Hilton hotels; four meals; and taxes and gratuities. Cost is $350 for singles; $250, doubles; and $220, triples.

Reading/Hershey — Leave November 5; return November 7. Included are: transportation, shopping tour of Reading; two meals; Hershey World, and Founder's Hall. Cost is $175 for singles; $145 doubles; and $135 for triples.

You can register for any or all of these Recreation bus excursions in the Recreation building on South Oyster Bay Road. Call Ext. 2133 for more information.

Cosmos tix

Discount tickets are now available for the New York Cosmos from the Grumman Recreation Department. Seats are available for the following games: Wednesday, July 14, at 7 pm; Sunday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, July 25, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $6 for adults (regularly $7), $3.50 (regularly $4) for children under 16, and senior citizens 65 and over.

Hole in one

In the vicinity of the sixth hole, there was a lot of whooping and hollering June 9 on the Bethpage State Park Green course. Tom Kantorcik scored his first hole-in-one that day.

He used a four-iron to tackle the 180-yard hold in one stroke. Fellow Grummanite and golfer Walter Schnurman verified the score card.

Mixed Pinehurst

Who's the team to beat this year in the two remaining Mixed Pinehurst golf tournaments? None other than the winning duo of Pete Obedzinksi and Helen Grieff who won last years' finale.

Pete and Helen won the June golf event by combining their talents and finishing with a 40 for nine holes on the Bethpage State Park's Yellow Course. They beat out 29 other mixed doubles teams to win the first Mixed Pinehurst competition of the year.

Runners-up were Frank Messina and Angie Giarratano; they finished with a 43.

The next mixed Pinehurst event is slated for Wednesday, July 28; the August outing tees off on the 25th. Both golf tourneys are played at Bethpage State Park. Cost is $7 per golfer; $14 for a team.

Call Mike Cherry of Recreation, Ext. 2133, to sign up. The field is limited to 60 golfers per outing.

Mets magic

Tickets are now on sale for the July 30 baseball game at Shea Stadium when the N.Y. Mets take on the Pittsburgh Pirates at 8 p.m.

Admission is $5.50 per person; bus transportation from Plant 3 is $3.50. Tickets may be purchased from Recreation, Plant 28A, Ext. 2133.

Annual golf tourney

The annual Grumman Recreation golf championship and kickers' tournament tees off Wednesday, August 11, at the Pine Hills Country Club in Manorville.

Golfers will be competing for a wide selection of trophies: low gross (first and second place) — men, women, and seniors; low net (first and second) — men, women and seniors; low net by Callaway system (first and second) — men and women; longest drive — men and women; and closest to the pin — men and women.

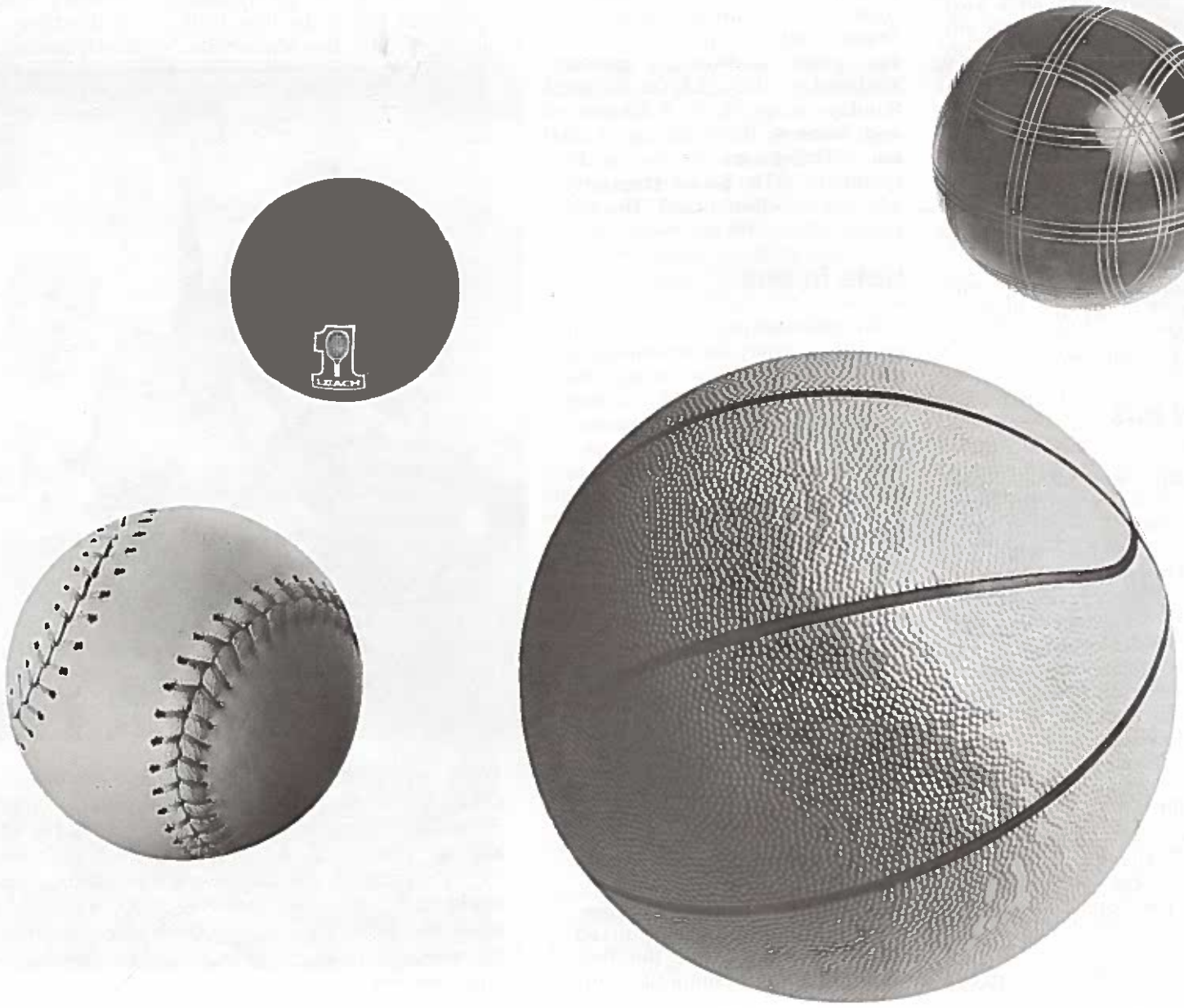
If you are age 50 or over and wish to compete in the seniors division, you must tell Mike Cherry on the day of the tourney, before teeing off.

Golf carts are available at a cost of $14. Reservations for carts can be made at the Recreation office. Payment is due on the day of the tournament.

This popular golf outing has a shotgun start at 9:30 am. The cost per golfer is $26. This fee includes greens' fee, cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, trophies, and kickers prizes.

Due to the limited field of 144, golfers must sign up for this annual event on Tuesday, July 13 at 5 p.m. in the Recreation auditorium. (If you have a foursome, only one person need attend.) Full amount is required at this time. Make check payable to Grumman Recreation.

The crown's theirs. *The Saxons — (kneeling, L to R) Mark Henry, Craig Saunders, Paul Tarvis; (standing) captain Jim Brown, Joe Ermert and Jim Avati (Rudy Green wasn't available for the photo) — are the champs of the Intramural Basketball league. They finished in first place in the six-team league with a 12-3 record and then knocked off the Egg Stars in the first round of the playoffs. They faced the MD's, the season's third place finishers, in the finals. The Saxons took the best-of-three finals two games to one. The last went into overtime.*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